

I urge the Commission to disallow further consolidation of broadcast ownership.

I am extremely fearful that greater concentration of ownership will result in a suppression of opinion, the 'coloring' of factual presentations or outright omission of information on issues of great public import but may not be in the best interest of the mega media companies. One needs to search no further than the current media coverage of this very issue. It is virtually non-existent in the popular press because, I believe, that the news organizations are controlled by the very same mega media companies effected by the outcome of this ruling. The news outlets will not deliver negative reporting on their parent companies. The news director would get fired!

Another example is the news coverage of events in the middle east. Look at the coverage of the Iraq war. Now, I'm in favor of the war, but the TV press coverage is so overwhelmingly favorable toward this issue that they could be the best cheer leaders we ever saw for an armed conflict. The Israel / Palestine topic is another issue that is given such a universal pro-Israel bias over decades of media coverage in the United States that it's little wonder that public opinion and legislative largess favors Israel and vilifies the Palestinians.

No more consolidation, it's bad for America.